

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM June 06, 2024

Call to Order – 4:00 pm

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: March Wohlrab, Lee Beld, Gary Vis Others Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Police Support Services Manager Sharon Clark, Fire Chief Mark Billmire, Assistant Fire Chief Kristie Watson and Fire Support Services Manager Kinsey Dehaan.

Approval of Minutes

1. May 2024 Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

Scheduled – None scheduled.

Unscheduled (20 Minutes)

Audience members may address the Committee on any issue other than those scheduled for a public hearing or those on which the public hearing has been closed. Prior to commenting please state your name, address, and topic. Please keep comments under 4 minutes.

Cynthia Ripke – 7000 block Guide Meridian: There was a death in the County last night and she wanted clarification on how law enforcement can get into a house to help citizens when they are in distress. Chief Taylor clarified that it is addressed on a case by case basis and that Law Enforcement cannot just enter a citizen's house, it must meet specific criteria.

Committee Items

Fire Department Items

2. LFD May 2024 Report – call volume, overlapping calls and transports were down but aid given was up. Fire is very busy with community education. The Annual Volunteer Retiree dinner was held, and volunteers are down to 10. New part-time volunteers are starting in a staggered manner.

Councilor Beld asked for clarification on how to reduce overtime. It was decided that further conversation and clarification was needed.

Added Items

None

Police Department Items

3. LPD May 2024 Report – total calls were up for the month, most categories remained steady. There were 3 sexual assault cases this month that were reported and arrests made. The detectives did an excellent job of working these cases.
4. LPD Lateral applicant update – there is a quality lateral applicant that contacted LPD with their interest in applying to the agency. There is concern that if we don't act now, they will take their interest elsewhere. With the number of potential officers leaving in the near future, permission was requested to start the background process so that we don't lose this quality lateral applicant. Permission was granted.

Adjournment – 4:58 pm